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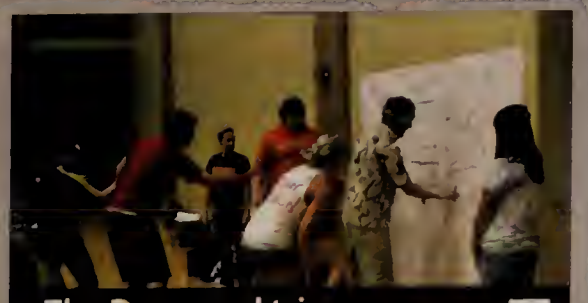

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Default rate below national average

College offers a variety of programs to assist students

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As seniors approach the final months of school, they also face the looming threat of loan defaulting. The average default rate for Wartburg seniors, however, is much lower than the national average, Jen Sassman, financial aid director, said

"We don't want students to have to borrow money, but we also know that borrowing is usually unavoidable," Sassman said.

According to a new study by the Institute for Higher Education, two out of five student loan borrowers were delinquent at some point in the first five years after they started repaying their loans.

"Students need to know the consequences of defaulting on loans and know what options are there that can help them establish reasonable loan paybacks," Sassman said.

Each September, Wartburg receives a report from the federal government about the student default rate. The 2009 default rate for Wartburg graduates was 2.7 percent, a relatively low percentage, Sassman said.

"This is pretty comparable to other four year colleges, but on the low side," Sassman said. "The four-year private colleges that don't fall into that same range are for-profit colleges, and their rates are in the double digits."

She said the national average default rate was around 14 percent for 2009, which is a cohort number based on the previous year.

"I think [our percentage] is something to be proud of especially when looking at the national average," Edie Waldstein, vice president of academic affairs, said.

"Do you want students to have to borrow? No. Do you ever want anyone who borrows to ever have to default? No. But given that it's a part of the real world, I think it is a statistic to be proud of."

Along with the loan counseling sessions for seniors before graduation, Sassman said the college is working on providing more financial literacy programs so students will understand the long-term impact defaulting on loans can have.

These programs include workshops, one-on-one counseling and offering more information on lenders so students can choose the best option for their financial needs.

"Even though it doesn't seem to be an issue here at Wartburg, we still want to pay attention to it and make sure we're keeping the default rate as low as possible," Sassman said. "We like to teach students to only borrow what you need and only spend what you need, but we still know that borrowing is a reality for our students."

Tanner Linden said he had been fortunate in the past because his mom worked for a bank and could help him make conscious financial decisions.

"I do worry about how financially literate I'll be when I'm on my own and have to use a differ-

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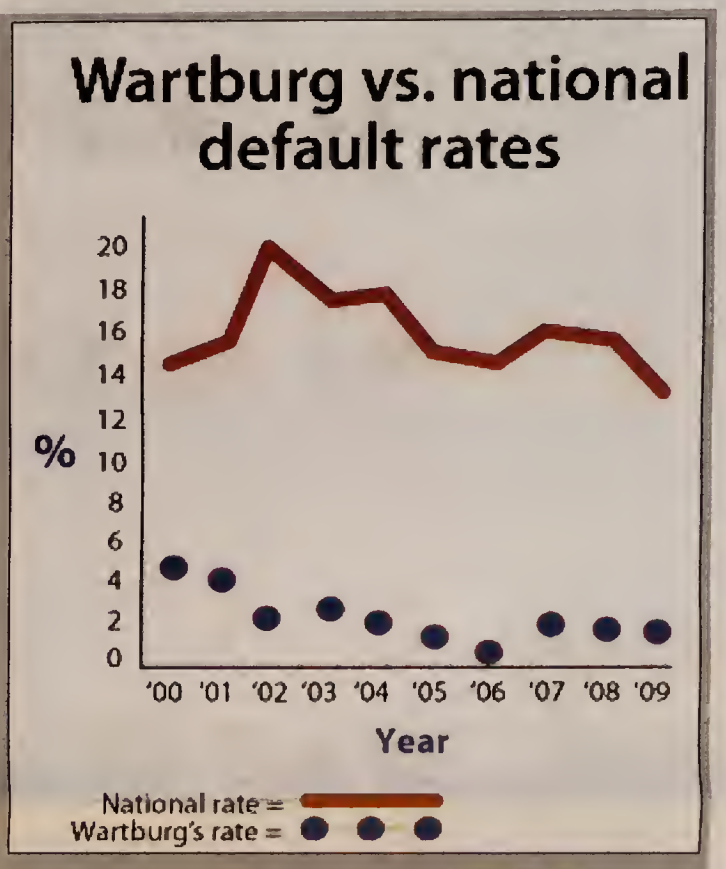

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Population of Waverly, Bremer County increase

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The city of Waverly's population grew by over 10 percent between the years 2000 and 2010, according to the United States Census Bureau.

Over the past decade, Waverly's population jumped from 8,968 to 9,874 residents.

Brent Matthias

The census, taken every ten years, measures the growth or decline of communities across the country and can impact how much federal funding each community receives.

Brent Matthias, director of economic development for Waverly, said the increase in population has a variety of factors, including education, that make it an attractive area for people to move to.

"People are realizing that the education aspect is so important, and if they can have their children get a great education in a safe, thought provoking environment that's a bonus," Matthias said.

He said Waverly has many

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Majority of tickets still unsold for ETK's Large Event

File Photo

Students stand in line outside Neumann Auditorium to buy tickets for The Fray, the ETK large event in 2007. Three-quarters of the tickets for this year's large event are still available .

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Ticket sales for Entertainment ToKnight's Large Event are low for the second year in a row, according to the Wartburg box office.

As of this past Friday, about a fourth of the seats in Neumann Auditorium had been purchased for the Travie McCoy concert on April 16.

"I think a lot of people are waiting until the last minute to get their tickets. I feel like they can't foresee what they will be doing that far in advance," Shelley Hartman, ETK vice president, said.

Caudrianna Daniels is one of those students.

"I am interested and will probably go, but I don't know much about him," Daniels said.

Katie Seyfer and Beth Hillson said they are not planning on purchasing tickets.

"I simply don't have an interest in going. Other than knowing him from the 'Billionaire 'song, I had never heard of him before. Even though the tickets are cheaper, I would rather not spend the money on that kind of show if I have no interest," Seyfer said.

Hillson said she could use the money on a DVD of her favorite band that she'd watch more than once.

Hillson and Seyfer also have not purchased tickets to the prior two years' Large Events.

"I know my friends have filled [surveys] out. I think it's just whoever they can get to come and that's not going to match all preferences," Seyfer said. They are obviously not going to find somebody that everybody at Wartburg wants to listen to and that's just the way it is."

Hartman said they have tried different things this year to try to boost those sales like dorm

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NEWS

Students reflect on Lenten resolutions

Some students subscribe to the Lenten tradition of giving up something for forty days. Three students shared what they gave up (or added) in their lives and how well they are doing in sticking with their resolutions. **Compiled by Brandon Hosch**

Drew Flesch

Resolution: gave up Facebook and sweets.

"My friends are pretty big teases. There have been two occasions where I cracked, but other than that I've been doing good so far. I think I'm over the hump definitely, I can do it no problem."

Chelsea Kenninger

Resolution: do a random act of kindness for a stranger.

"I really wanted to try going out of my way to help others. It's like you have to wait for the opportunity, it's not like saying 'I'm not going to eat a chocolate bar today.'"

Armand Piecuch

Resolution: make sure no situation gets the best of him.

"It's all about stopping yourself and counting your blessings over your shortcomings. I think about how Jesus had to deal with it."

Those in default could face lawsuits, lost wages

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ent bank," Linden said. "I understand that when you sign the loan contract you must pay it back and it's going to be a large part of my budget after graduation."

Sassman said the college is always looking into finding a correlation between the students who default on loans.

"The amount of money borrowed doesn't have as high a correlation as how well students do in college," Sassman said. "The students who do well and keep their grades up have lower default rates, and even more so for the students who finish college. But we also know that the less you borrow, the less you have to pay back."

According to the Federal Financial Aid Institute, the consequences of defaulting on a loan include lawsuits, having to pay court and attorney fees associated with cost liabilities, garnished wages, loss of federal and state income tax refunds, withholding of social security benefits and of course, the full amount of the loans plus interest is owed.

"We're going to try to step in and have more of an active role in helping students understand and stay away from the possibil-

Tips to Prevent Defaulting

- Borrow only what you need
- Make your payments on time
- Make a checklist of all your loans
- Consider consolidating your loans
- Keep in contact with your lender

Professor says new graphic design books fill void

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Vogel Library recently obtained a new set of books featuring many famous artists of graphic design, David Herwaldt, assistant professor of art, said.

David Herwaldt

This collection is a personal one for Herwaldt.

"This is my first year teaching here. When I was interviewed, I said 'What's the collection of books like in the library?' and in the middle of the interview, they took me down to the library and that got me thinking 'What would I do if I got this job?'" he said.

After being hired, Herwaldt found a hole in the library's inventory was the lack of graphic design books. "The library had a pretty good collection of art books and photography books but not a great collection of graphic design books," Herwaldt said.

He feels fortunate that such a group of books is at Wartburg because "a lot of libraries don't have them because they are expensive and hard to get" and said it is a special privilege to have possession of this literature.

The books have received positive reception from teachers and Herwaldt is hopeful they will be incorporated into the art curriculum soon, but for now, he is merely recommending them to his students.

One reason he believes students are the biggest benefactors from the acquisition of these books is because computer design is so integrated into today's world. If students can learn how to design, they will be better at living in the technological age he said.

"The reason we have these books is so that students can see design decisions that have been made unbelievably well by masters of design decisions and we hope that it inspires them to make their own different but equally smart design decisions because we are all designers now," Herwaldt said.

In addition to DVDs containing the works of Milton Glazer and Henri Cartier-Bresson, books with designs by legendary graphic artists such as Emil Ruder, Helmut Schmid and Jost Hochuli are currently on the shelves in the "New Books" section.

Proximity to highway, other larger cities influenced growth

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characteristics as a community that makes it attractive.

"This community couldn't survive without Wartburg College," Matthias said.

"When people come to visit Wartburg, they have to drive into Waverly and some of those people say 'Hey, this is a vibrant community.'"

While the citizens of Waverly and the surrounding communities may not see an immediate impact from the census, Matthias said people in this area have a reason to be excited.

Waverly's growth was part of a population increase of over four percent for Bremer County. Blackhawk County's population increased by just 2.4 percent over the last ten years.

Waverly's city administrator, Richard Crayne, said Waverly's growth comes from community leadership of Waverly's city government.

"I think there's been a pretty progressive stance in Waverly to force growth," Crayne said. "That is reflected in populations numbers and also per capita income."

"When people come to visit Wartburg, they have to drive into Waverly and some of those people say, 'Hey, this is a vibrant community.'"
-Brent Matthias

Bremer County's median income was over $54,000 with a poverty rate of 7.5 percent.

Blackhawk County had a median income of under $43,000 with a poverty rate nearly 10 percent higher than Waverly at 17.3 percent. Bremer County also faired better than the state averages in the same two categories.

Crayne said Waverly's proximity to a four lane highway, as well as being close to the cities of Waterloo and Cedar Falls also influence its economic development.

"All those economic factors play a role in what happens to the community," Crayne said. "If the other counties lose population, they're moving somewhere."

Procrastination, decreased student interest cited in low ticket sales

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storming, sending out an interesting fact each week on Twitter, promoting it over local radio stations and doing a poster trade with some colleges in the area.

"This is an opportunity that we are giving to the students and we would like them to take advantage of it," Hartman said.

McCoy has drawn in less than half of the sales of fellow top forty artist and past ETK large event performer David Cook. Cook's concert sold 1,116 tickets.

The largest amount of tickets ETK has sold in the most recent years has been to the Fray which sold 1,180 tickets during the 2006-07 academic year, according to ETK records.

Sarah Glascock, ETK adviser, did not say how much McCoy cost ETK to bring to Wartburg, but she said the group has never paid more than $30,000 for an artist.

"You know that's a really good price for someone like him. It's right on campus so it is easier for [students]. How often are they going to get the chance to see somebody like him?" Hartman said.

Gregena Heard said she doesn't want to miss out on this opportunity, but hasn't bought her ticket yet.

"I know everybody is going to be there and I don't want to be that person that doesn't know what they are talking about," she said.

Seyfer said even though she is not always interested in the large event, she recognizes all the effort ETK is putting into it.

"I appreciate that ETK works to bring the groups and I know other people are going," Seyfer said.

Thinking of grad school?

A revised version of the GRE has been created and will be offered beginning August 1, 2011

Pathways created a detailed audio PowerPoint listing the specific changes to the revised version

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

TRUMPET EDITORIAL:

Start a dialogue

In 2003, UCLA began a seven-year study on the role of religion in college students' lives.

It discovered that secular colleges do little to help their students in growing religiously.

However, those affiliated with a church, like Wartburg, have been taking ideal steps to help their students, whether they are a member of the affiliate church or not.

The best thing Wartburg offers us is the ability to have discussions about religion.

In many of our classes throughout the curriculum, we're asked to discuss our religious beliefs in an open setting.

This requires us to do what the UCLA study calls "inner work."

It makes us think about what we believe which makes us stronger in our faith.

Another huge part of this is charitable work.

The UCLA study found that those colleges that do encourage charitable work show an increased spiritual population.

Wartburg does this through both service trips and student groups, such as Best Buddies and Habitat for Humanity.

While there is a lot of spirituality on campus, it seems many students still do not feel the need to engage with others about this spirituality.

This study clearly shows that talking is exactly what we should be doing.

We need to start having the conversations about faith, and especially with those of different faiths than our own.

Classes do as much as they can to facilitate conversation but it can't be fully effective unless we take initiative ourselves.

Start the dialogue. You won't just see into another faith, you'll also learn more about your own.

It will make you grow stronger in it. You owe it to yourself.

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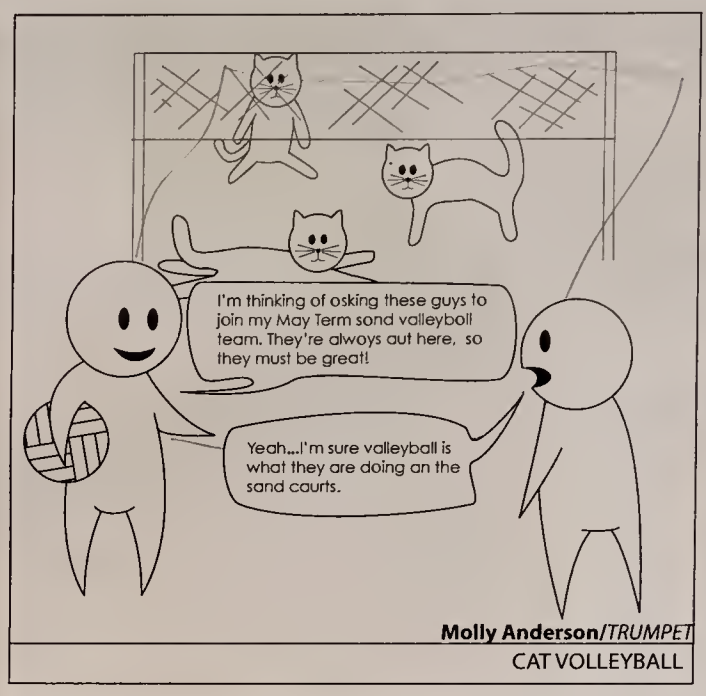

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WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND:

A call for transparency

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On Wed., March 2, the tuition and fees for 2011-12 was announced; it increased 5.77 percent.

We all expected a significant tuition increase; however, transparency from the administration is still missing.

President Colson explained how there are many needs on campus, such as: new science equipment, dorms maintenance and new staff positions.

These aspects were exactly the same given a year ago, but now costs total $39,110.

As a student senator, I hear from a lot of students and friends how their financial situations are getting worse and worse.

While hearing all these concerns I learned about the scholarship process Wartburg utilizes—which baffled me.

When freshmen enter Wartburg, their scholarship is set for their remaining time at Wartburg.

Colson said they project students' financial aid based on the projected tuition increase in order for students to be financially safe.

This brings up an important question — how can Wartburg accurately project tuition increases four years ahead?

As one can imagine, this would be very difficult, if not impossible.

If Wartburg does not have to raise tuition as much as they projected, they would then give more financial aid to students than they needed.

This would deepen Wartburg's financial predicament and be financially irresponsible.

Imagine Wartburg having to raise tuition more than they projected, and as a result, students suffering because their scholarships would be smaller in relation to the tuition.

This would be unethical.

This practice seems very sketchy.

What did they project for tuition increases four years ago when the class of '12 had their scholarships set?

Is the tuition set for next year higher or lower than what was projected in '08?

Yearly analyses would allow for more accurate projections.

Most importantly, where is the transparency from Wartburg's administration?

WORD FROM THE WISE:

Make a difference

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When was the last time you were hungry? Truly starving?

Do you realize that every five seconds a child dies from a hunger related issue? That is 18,000 children that die each day of hunger; which is ten times the number of Wartburg students.

You all have an opportunity to make a difference by getting involved with the third Wartburg College Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Mobile Pack Event.

Our first pack was in March of 2008 when we were the first college campus to host a FMSC mobile pack. We choose FMSC because of their hands-on approach and the service learning that is involved.

In 2008, we packed 108,000 meals.

This year we will pack 193,000 meals during our mobile pack on Sun, May 8 through Tues, May 10.

Our original goal was 186,000 meals. FMSC challenged all mobile packs to increase their goal by one pallet (7,128 meals) to send the extra pallet to Japan for earthquake relief.

We accepted that challenge so our new goal is 193,128 meals. Each meal costs 19 cents, so we need to raise $36,685 to have this mobile pack on our campus.

How can you help? You can donate either online at fmsc.org or take your donation to the Campus Ministry and Spiritual Life Office.

Volunteering is simple, sign up by sending an email to fmsc@wartburg.edu and then go to the Wartburg Maintenance Building for your two hour shift in May. "Like" our Facebook page - Wartburg College Feed My Starving Children Event— and find a lot of information there.

You will be amazed how big a difference you can make in such a little amount of time!

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Dear Cute Guys,
We wouldn't want to wash a baby in the ghetto sink either.
—Girls in the laundry room

Dear girl always on the phone,
1)Who are you talking to?
2) How big is your bill?
—Can you hear me now?

Fun Fact: pajama pants are not real pants. How dare you go out in public looking like white trash.
—This isn't a sleepover

For the sake of future Wartburg students, can we PLEASE bring back Mr. Wartburg!?
—Can I get a DUOver?

Has anyone noticed the squirrels are a lot smaller off campus? I want to pick them up and take them to the promised land.
—Ice Cream galore

PSY 101 will be the death of me.
—Ed major

Can we please get communal coffee pots for all the buildings where people work past midnight?
—Tired at 2

If I got a penny for every menu that East China put under my door, my tuition would be paid for.
—Not ordering

I can't believe the Den doesn't have pretzel poppers anymore!
—The den had pretzel poppers?

I'm paying how much tuition money for the Internet to go out for an hour at midnight?
—Rip off

I won't be doing any homework now that the baby eagles are hatching!
—Thanks Decorah

I think it's funny how people mock and complain about Rebecca Black's song yet they know every word.
—Yes, it's Friday

The amount of cigarette butts outside the Manors is revolting! Please dispose of them somewhere else.
—Disgusted

Does the fact that I walked to the gas station to get cheap food cancel out the calories I'm about to eat?
—Walk it off

Is it just me or is that sculpture in front of the library a sundial that's facing the wrong way?
—Turn it please

Dear runners,
Please stop running past me just when I'm feeling good about walking to get my fast food.
—You're killing my mood

Ready to be done with the semester? You bet.
—Tour Week please?

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Students 'Uncork for a Cause'

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Microfiber pillows, coupons for a night out in Waverly and a Kindle-like electronic book reading device were just some of the items raffled off at Uncork for a Cause on March 31.

The event, held at Tendrils Rooftop Garden at the Waverly Health Center, was organized by a group of students from Dr. Timothy Ewest's nonprofit management class. The group paired with the American Cancer Society through the Bremer County Relay for Life

"Last year, the group that was paired with [the] American Cancer Society did something similar to it, but it was on a smaller scale," Jess Stadler, one of the group members, said. "We thought maybe we could make this an annual thing for them and just make it bigger."

About 80 people attended the event which consisted of wine and beer tasting, as well as a few small snacks such as cake balls and a fruit plate. Those who attended paid $10 at the door and could also pay for raffle tickets to win one of the prizes.

Markus Tillmans and David Carlson said they enjoyed the benefit because it wasn't the usual type of fundraiser.

"This is cool because it's something new and different," Carlson said. "I didn't even know this was put on by students. It's pretty amazing."

Amanda Gahler /*TRUMPET*

Leanna Jenkins receives a sample of wine from Erica Warren and Jess Stadler, two student organizers of the event, Uncork for a Cause, which raised money for Bremer County Relay for Life. The event was held Thursday in Tendrils Rooftop Garden.

Tillmans added even though the event excluded people under 21, it was still fun for those who could be there.

After beer and wine tasting, socializing and buying raffle tickets, Robyn Cornick, a woman who was diagnosed with stage two breast cancer when she was 32 years old, talked about her personal struggle.

"I heard the doctor tell me I had cancer, and I don't remember anything else she said that day," Cornick said. "As we all know so well, cancer doesn't discriminate or care how great things are going with your life."

Cornick said the love and support of her husband, son and others helped her get through her cancer and have helped her in her life as a cancer survivor.

Ewest said he was proud of how the students transformed last year's invitation-only event that was attended by about 20 people into something larger and more financially successful.

"They had the energy and the ideas, and really raised the bar this year," Ewest said. "They took everything we talked about in class and worked it in to the planning."

Overall, the event raised $1,025 after expenses. While that might not seem like a vast amount of money, Stadler said she and her fellow group members were very pleased with how everything turned out.

"It was great. We had two or three people coming through the door all the time," Stadler said. "I love event planning. Even though today I was super stressed, I love doing this."

Ksusha Protchenko /*TRUMPET*

Castle Singers take the stage

Castle Singers perform Tuesday evening, March 29 in Neumann Auditorium to cap off the Fifth Annual Iowa Vocal Jazz Championship. The competition was hosted at Wartburg this year.

Sexual assaults down but risk still high

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This past year was the first since 1997 that Wartburg had no sexual assaults reported from those living on campus, according to an annual campus security report.

That doesn't mean, however, that sexual assault doesn't happen, Stephanie Newsom, director of counseling services, said.

Newsom said ten people, from both on and off campus, came in for counseling due to an assault that happened this year or from prior years.

"There is that embarrassment factor, especially when it's a situation where they have been drinking or they know the person that assaulted them," John Myers, director of campus security, said.

Newsom said 90 percent of the sexual assaults that happen on campus are alcohol-related and at least 86 percent are from someone that students know.

Jessica Schenk is part of a Lohe project that emailed a newsletter to inform students on risk reeducation and the importance of the matter.

"The reality is that we all know someone who has been a victim of a sexual assault, we just may not be aware of who they are," Schenk said.

Myers said all of the five assault victims in 2009 knew their attacker.

"I think people could be more forth coming if it was an unknown person or they feared for their lives," Myers said.

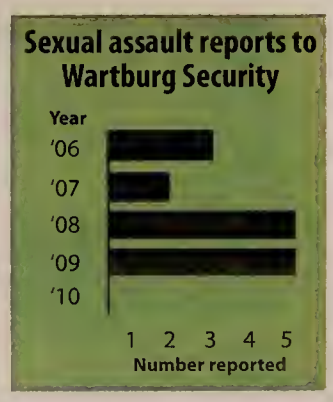
Even though victims may not want to admit it, they can report the assault to the police or have the college conduct an investigation.

Myers said since 1997 he has conducted an investigation three times and out of those three, two involved alcohol.

"When we drink alcohol we don't realize our warning signs…we become easy prey," Newsom said.

She said in a recent year three reports have come to counseling services regarding date rape drugs.

"I feel safe on Wartburg's campus and in Waverly," Schenk said, "However, I am also realistic that things can happen anywhere and that just because I feel safe doesn't mean I shouldn't take steps to protect myself and my friends."



When reporting an assault, confidentially is strongly emphasized by security and counseling alike.

"I think people, especially in a sexual assault situation, worry about other people finding out because of the nature of the crime," Newsom said. "It takes a lot of courage to reach out for help."

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KnightLife

Team Sheen: the duo to beat at this year's competition

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Trevor Finchamp and Deanna Flood strut their stuff on the red carpet in "Los Angeles" during the final competition of The Duo.

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Throw in a little chocolate pudding and Cheetos, then, a dash of men in heels walking the red carpet and a pinch of weird state laws and you have the recipe for The Duo.

This past Thursday was the second annual year of the event which featured eight coed teams spanning from freshmen to seniors that competed for cash, coupons and most of all pride, Hannah Willems, coleader of The Duo, said.

Taking a little cue from their idol's favorite saying, Team Sheen's "winning" spirit helped them walk away from the competition with top honors.

"We both had overdrafts this past week so the $50 was much needed, and plus we don't have very much food. That's honestly why we decided to do it because we don't have money at all," Trevor Finchamp said.

Finchamp's "goddess" or teammate on Team Sheen was Deanna Flood.

The roadtrip-themed night started with four rounds where each team was rated on how well they could accomplish the challenge.

The four challenges included a "Man vs. Food" game where each team had to eat a concoction of common foods eaten on a road trip.

Then, the teams competed in a necklace throw with certain body parts given an amount of points depending on how challenging it was to get the necklace on that body part.

After that, participants spun around a bat ten times before pinning pictures of well-known objects or landmarks, like oranges or the Golden Gate Bridge, on the state.

> *"My goddess and I were able to take over once it came down to athletics and sheer tiger blood."*
> *-Trevor Finchamp*

The fourth game determined if each duo would move on to the final two rounds.

Participants were asked by emcees Britney Borchardt and Jon Housholder to identify whether different weird state laws were true or false.

These questions included anything from being illegal to kiss a woman if you have mustache to getting fined for falling asleep under the hair dryer at a salon.

After the scores were tallied, half of the teams were eliminated, leaving Team Elmo, Team Sheen, Young Luv and Team Hitcher remaining.

These four teams competed in a scooter race where they had to travel the country in the least amount of time doing such things as circling the Statue of Liberty twice, going across the Mississippi River where teams were sprayed with water and weaving around toilet paper as they took "potty breaks." The finish line was the Golden Gate Bridge.

Team Sheen said this was the activity they thought they excelled at.

"We won by like half a race," Finchamp said.

After the race, Team Elmo, which was made up of Christopher Kurt and Abby Shannon, and Team Sheen moved on to the finals.

They had to dress up in cross gender clothing and walk the red carpet in Los Angeles, winter clothing as they crossed the Rocky Mountains and American Gothic clothing in the Midwest.

While in the American Gothic clothing, contestants posed like the actual painting for a camera snapshot. The last stop was Florida where contestants dressed in beach apparel.

"My goddess and I were able to take over once it came down to athletics and sheer tiger blood," Finchamp said.

Willems said the road trip theme was chosen because she thought there would be a lot of games that could go with it.

"We thought it went really well last year, and this year, we wanted to try something a little different," Willems said.

VAC collects prom dresses for a cause

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"Give your prom dress another night out." That was the theme of Prom's Closet, a service project the Volunteer Action Center (VAC) helped coordinate.

Students and community members were asked to donate gently used prom dresses that were sold to girls who normally would not be able to afford a new dress.

"It's a really good cause because prom is such a big deal in high school and for a girl to not be able to go because she can't afford a dress isn't right," Mycala Briggs, VAC student organization liaison, said.

Katie Lansing, a member of the Waterloo Junior League, said she has been involved with Prom's Closet for three years now and suggested the idea to the VAC.

"We thought it would be a good place to collect since most college students are only a few years out of high school, as well as possibly still knowing some girls in high school that could benefit," Lansing said.

Briggs said there was a hook outside the VAC office door and a lot of the times she would come in and there would be a new bunch of dresses there. Most of the donations were anonymous.

Other drop-off locations for this year's drive included places in Cedar Falls, Hudson and Waterloo.

Briggs said around 17 dresses have been collected at Wartburg as well as a variety of shoes, handbags and other accessories.

All the donated dresses will be taken to Crossroads Mall in Waterloo and there will be an open house and sale April 9 on the lower level.

Lansing said the used dresses and accessories sell for a donation of $10 to individuals who may have a limited income when looking to purchase a prom dress.

Lansing said this is a benefit of the program because the money will re-circulate to help the community.

"A lot of girls couldn't afford a dress, so bringing in these dresses they can get for a whole lot cheaper is great for them," Briggs said.

"Then the money turns around and goes to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank which feeds the hungry in the Cedar Valley, so I think no matter what it's a great cause."

Emily Novotny/ *TRUMPET*
Mycala Briggs sorts through several of the prom dresses the VAC has received throughout the month of March that will be sold.

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Krista Fredricks, Ben Read and Tristan Gardner spend time in the radio studio as part of the KWAR 89.9 Marathon. Students were on air for 89.9 straight hours, providing Wartburg with live entertainment.

'Game on' for 89.9 marathon

Radio station provides over four days of non-stop programs

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Live DJs could be heard on air for 89.9 hours last week for KWAR's marathon.

This year's theme, "Game On," took the KWAR 89.9 Marathon from shuffleboard tournaments to bowling to a live remote covering The Duo.

In addition to 89.9 hours of live air, KWAR staff gave away prizes every hour and played a list of the top ninety songs since last year's marathon.

Ike Lahue, staff member for KWAR, said this event takes a lot of organization between members of the student media.

"It gives the student body the chance to work with the radio station and know what were all about," Lahue said. "They get a chance to win some swag."

All of KWAR's prizes come from local businesses in the Waverly and Cedar Valley area, said faculty adviser Pam Ohrt said.

"We're so grateful to the merchants because they've donated some wonderful prizes," Ohrt said.

Prizes in this year's marathon ranged from gift cards for places like Waterstreet Grill and the Goat to KWAR grab bags Lahue said.

Co-station manager Aaron Trier said the planning of the marathon began before Christmas when they started to brainstorm a theme.

In January, they began to contact businesses and draft a schedule.

Trier covered an overnight shift and said they often got calls early in the mornings.

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> *-Ike Lahue*

"It's funny when you have people call in at four in the morning. They're awake just to see what prizes are coming up next," Trier said.

Ohrt said the 89.9 Marathon provides a connection between the school, the students and the community.

"Even though we cover about a ten to fifteen mile radius around the Waverly area, online you can listen anywhere in the world," Ohrt said.

"That's just huge for us. We're as powerful as any radio station out there."

Ohrt said her favorite part is watching the kids get so excited about the event.

Even though radio shows are on year-round, the 89.9 Marathon is always special, Ohrt said.

"This event has been part of Wartburg's history dating back into the 1950s," Ohrt said.

This KWAR tradition has always been a success, Ohrt said, and is a special event that breaks up the regular programming.

The station covered a different live remote every night beginning at The Wooden Foot and finishing up the marathon at The Fainting Goat on Friday.

"We had a lot of fun live remotes during this year's marathon and really appreciated everyone who came out and supported us during these events," Trier said.

GAYLA week teaches acceptance

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Diversity on Wartburg's campus was celebrated last week when members of the LGBT, or lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered, community and their allies put their plans for GAYLA week into action.

This year, the sixth Annual Drag show kicked off GAYLA week. Thanks to a generous audience and the talent of the performers, Alliance raised over $1,600, Cassie Hales, Alliance adviser, said.

"The Drag Show was extremely successful," Hales said. "We raised more money than last year, and had more people."

Director of the Iowa Pride Network Ryan Roemerman spoke to a group of students in Buckmaster Room in the WBC to discuss the organization's Iowa College Climate Survey. This survey had responses from 276 students from Iowa colleges. The survey asked sexual orientation as well as thoughts on the LGBT community.

"Gay rights are just a part of the larger social rights movement," Roemerman said. "Every student matters and we should be treating each student like they matter."

Results showed a majority of students supported LGBT students and faculty, though resources for these individuals on campus could be improved. Allies, he said, are an important part of this.

"We have over 100 gay-straight alliances across Iowa, and there are a number of them that are made of all straight individuals," Roemerman said. "They just are tired of the homophobic comments. They also may want to create a better world for their children in the future."

The audience asked questions and added to the discussion.

"Mostly the students that were there came for a class," Hales said, "but that's okay because they learned something."

The last event was an open house held for students and community members to see what Alliance was all about. Members brought friends and enjoyed conversation and pizza.

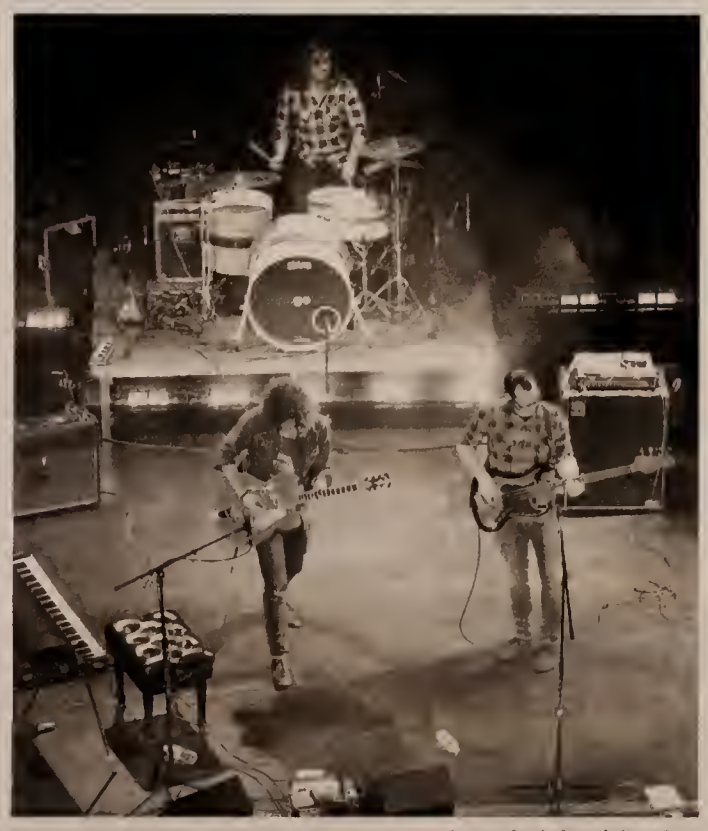
Beth Hillson, who attended the Drag Show and the open house, said, "One of my friends recently came out. GAYLA week was a great experience because I got to learn more about LGBT culture."

She said this experience helped her become a more supportive friend and good ally to the LGBT community.

Hales said this year was successful, and the plans for next year have already started.

"We're planning to have more involvement in GAYLA week and Coming Out week next year," Hales said. "We'll also have more time and money for planning."

The plan for next year's GAYLA week, Hales said, includes the Drag Show, a discussion panel and a performer.



Amanda Gahler/*TRUMPET*

happyGolovely performed at Wartburg College's first Spring Fusion event. Spiritual Life and Campus Ministries organized the concert, which was held April 3 in Neumann Auditorium. The proceeds benefit Feed My Starving Children.

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SPORTS

Baseball gets three wins over Central

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After starting off conference play with losses at Coe last weekend, the Wartburg Knights baseball team rebounded against Central to win their first home conference series of the season.

After a win on Friday night, Wartburg swept the Dutch in Saturday's double header, scoring 18 runs in the two games.

The Knights defeated the Dutch in the first game 10-7. Nate Rost led the team, going 3 for 4 with an RBI. Scott Benson pitched 6 1/3 innings and struck out seven while giving up only three earned runs.

Wartburg had three errors in the game, which led to four unearned runs by the Dutch.

In the second game, Ryan Doty pitched the Knights to an 8-0 win with a complete game shutout while striking out eight batters and allowing just four hits.

Shortstop Ryan Powers led the Knights with three hits while driving in three runs. Andrew Krehbiel added a two RBI single in the sixth inning where the Knights scored all of their runs.

"We were struggling to get hits," head coach Joel Holst said. "There would be one hit here and there and it was nice for us to get together and score some runs."

On Friday, starting pitching powered the Knights as senior Bradley Watson pitched a complete game. Watson had 11 strikeouts and allowed five hits without allowing an earned run.

Watson's strikeout total tied a career high. He struck out 11 twice last season for the Knights.

"Brad's been pitching like that for us all season and there's been times when we haven't supported him as well as we did today," Holst said. "The support we gave him was something he deserves and it was kind of a good way to get this series started."

Supporting Watson was the Knights offense, which provided some situational hitting to ensure the 5-2 win. Senior outfielder Patrick Grau broke open the game in the third inning with a two-run double down the left field line that gave the Knights a 3-0 lead.

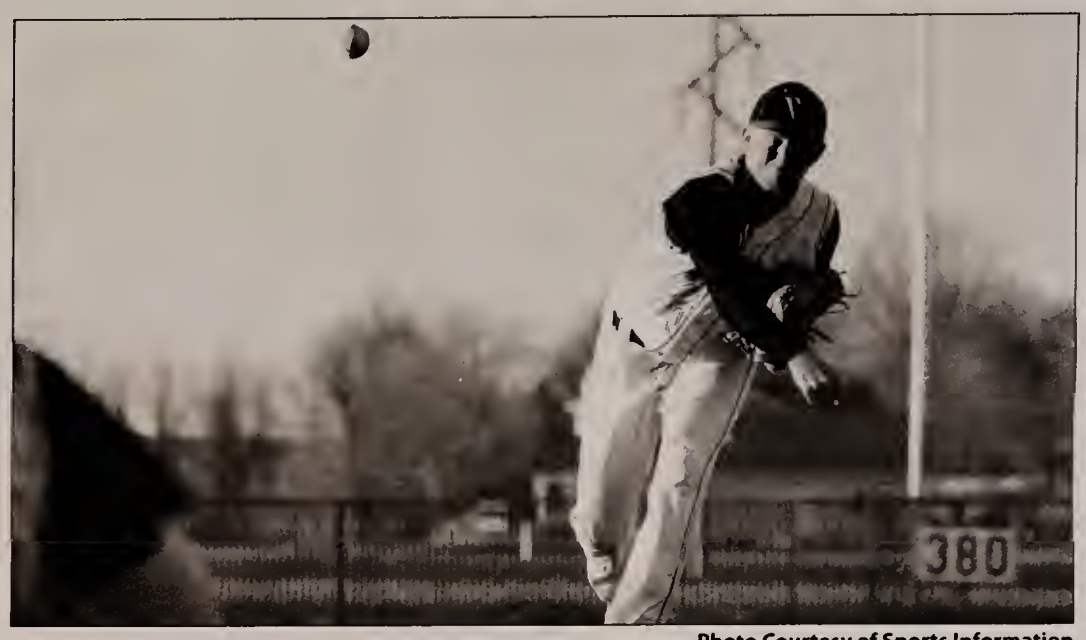

Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Brad Watson pitches friday night for the Knights at Hertel field. Watson matched a career high as he recorded 11 strikeouts in a 5-2 victory over the Central Dutch. Watson is 4-2 on the season.

Ben Roemmich stretched that lead out even farther with a two-run double of his own the very next inning to bring the Orange and Black up to a 5-0 lead.

Central got two runs back in the sixth when Josh Stanton drove in a run with a double. The Dutch were held scoreless the rest of the game.

The win moved Watson's record to 6-2. He ranks second in the IIAC with 40 strikeouts on the season while sporting a 2.03 earned run average and holding opponents to a .236 batting average.

The Knights travel to Buena Vista on Tuesday next week before coming home for a series against Iowa Conference rival Simpson College.

Tennis goes 1-1 at home meet

Amanda Gahler/ *Trumpet*

Chris Buckingham hits a backhanded shot on Saturday afternoon. The Knights defeated the University of Sioux Falls for a win.

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The Wartburg men's tennis team went 1-1 during a weekend tournament against the University of Sioux Falls and UW-La Crosse on Saturday at the tennis courts.

Against the Cougars of Sioux Falls, the Knights earned a 7-2 victory to increase their record to 4-9 on the season.

The Knights swept the doubles portion of the match, highlighted by the tandem of Anthony Greco and Blayne Willadsen's win over Connor Shefte and Carter Buckmeier by a score of 8-2.

Chris Buckingham and Josh Trueblood earned an 8-5 victory while Brian Rasmussen and Dayton Stevens scored an 8-4 win in their doubles match.

In the singles competition, Willadsen defeated Buckmeir 6-0 in straight sets. Stevens bested Shefte in three sets, scoring a 10-5 victory in the third set.

The win gave the Knights their fourth win of the season while the Cougars dropped to 1-5.

Against UW-La Crosse, the Knights suffered their tenth loss of the season while the Eagles improved their record to 17-4.

The Knights recorded one win in the doubles competition when Greco and Willadsen defeated Vic Mirasola and Alex Kaker 9-7 in the tightest matchup of the match.

The Eagles earned victories in the other two doubles matches over the Knights and their No. 1 team defeated Buckingham and Trueblood 8-0.

Willadsen won the Knight's only game in the singles competition. He went three sets against Travis Murphy and won the third set 11-9.

Rasmussen battled Nathan Fekete in both sets of their match, but lost 6-4 and 6-3. All the other Knights were defeated in straight sets.

The loss moved the Knights record to 4-10, they continue conference play on Saturday when they travel to Storm Lake to face Buena Vista.

A win would vault the Knights ahead of Buena Vista in the Iowa Conference standings with a 2-2 record.

The Knights are currently 1-2 in IIAC play. A win over the Beavers would put them two games ahead in the loss column.

If they overtake the Beavers, the Knights would be in position for the fifth seed in the IIAC tournament.

The match on Saturday is set to begin at 12 p.m.

Wartburg Sports Briefs

Men's Golf

The men's golf team took a fourth place finish at the Simpson Spring Invitational this weekend.

The Knights finished with a combined score of 303 strokes, nineteen over par and only five strokes behind Central College.

Wartburg was led by Jared Thill's four over 75, placing him tied for eighth individually.

The Knights placed three more in the top-15.

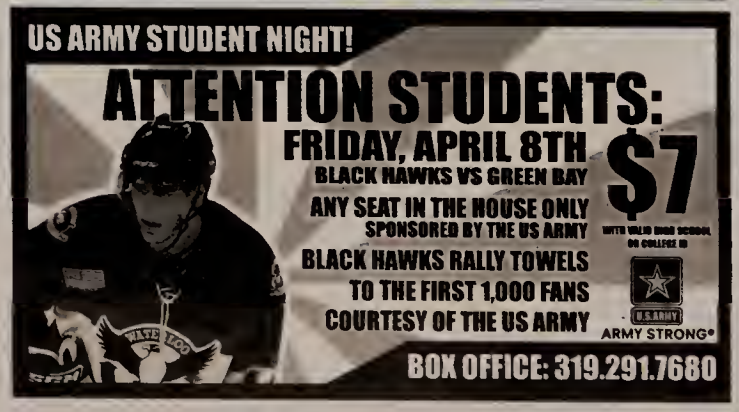
Women's Tennis

The Wartburg women's tennis team was defeated by the UW-La Crosse Eagles by a score of 7-2.

Molly Eslick won her singles match against Kelly Stadum.

Claire Evans and Jessica Behrer defeated Megan Fallon and Kerrie Williams for the only doubles win for the Knights.

The Knights will travel to Madison, Wis. to face Edgewood on April 10.



TRUMPET SPORTS

Tennis splits matches at home 7
Knights beat Sioux Falls 7-2 in the morning, lose to LaCrosse 2-7

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday	Baseball @ Buena Vista
	Softball vs. Simpson
Friday	Baseball vs. Simpson
	Men's golf @ Buena Vista
Saturday	Men's Tennis vs. Buena Vista
	Baseball vs. Simpson
	Softball vs. Coe
	Women's Golf @ Wartburg Invite
	M/W Track @ LaCrosse or Washington

Outdoor track opens at home

Women win Select meet while men take fifth

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The Wartburg Knights track and field team opened their outdoor season Friday at home with the Wartburg Select meet.

The women's team was the champion of the meet with 160.5 points while the men finished fifth with 63 points.

The meet highlighted many teams that finished high in both the men and women's indoor national championship with UW-Oshkosh, UW-LaCrosse and Iowa Central Community college.

The women had five individual titles in the meet.

Faith Burt won the 400-meter dash with a provisionally qualifying time of 57.22.

Brittany Melloy also set a provisionally qualifying mark in the 400-meter hurdles. Melloy won the event with a time of 62.54 seconds.

The Knights field events also helped out with a provisionally qualifying mark by Sarah Hoffman in the shot put with a throw of 44 feet and 6 1/4 inches, while just a few feet away was Britlyn Sieck who threw a provisionally qualifying mark in the javelin of 134 feet, 6 inches.

Brittany Thomas and Laura Sigmund also provisionally qualified for the national meet, Thomas in the 100 meter hurdles at 14.61 and Sigmund in the 5000 meter run at 17:27.66.

Nevada Morrison ran a provisionally qualifying time in the 100-meter dash at 12.28 second, and the Knights 4x100 meter relay aslo qualified at 47.67 second.

The women closed out the meet by winning the 4x400 meter relay and automatically qualifying it for the national meet with a time of 3:45.32 with the team of Burt, Nevada Morrison, Skye Morrison and Melloy.

"They were dominate as always," Mike Koehler said. "Iowa Central [Community College] was there yesterday, and they challenged them pretty good, but they met that challenge. They always perform like they should."

The men were led by Koehler's top performances in the javelin and 400-meter hurdles.

Koehler won the javelin with a toss of 170 feet 3 inches, winning by just under eight feet.

He also went on to finish third in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 56.09.

Jonas Elsume and Jordan Sathoff both placed in the upper half of the standing in high jump. Sathoff placed second with a provisional qualifying jump of 6 feet 8 inches, Elsume finished third with a jump of 6 feet 6 inches.

Elsume also finished second in the long jump with a jump of 22 feet 8 inches.

Other Knights notables were Larry Johnson who finished sixth in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.28 seconds.

Cody Iverson and Coltin Hahle finished eight and nine in the shot put. Iverson threw a throw of 45 feet 6 1/4 inches, and Hahle's throw was 45 feet 5 inches.

The men's team champion was Iowa Central with 172 points.

"We did well for having a tough week of practice before the meet," Koehler said. "We have some guys who couldn't run the 4x4 because of injury or sickness. So we hope to get healthy for upcoming meets.

The Knights team will be split up this weekend, as some runners will travel to the Washington University of St. Louis, Mo. Select, as the other runners will travel to Platteville for the UW- Platteville Invitational Saturday.

Photo Courtesy of Sports Information
Kendra Kregel, right, runs down the straightaway at Walston Hoover Stadium. Kregel was part of the national indoor 4x400 team.

Softball wins two at home; drop two away

Photo Courtesy of Sports Information
Knights softball is 0-2 against IIAC teams this season. The Knights are 2-0 at home in two games at Wartburg, the team plays two at home this week to try and extend their home winning streak.

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The Wartburg softball team went 2-2 last week with two wins over Grinnell followed by two losses to No. 9 Central.

The Knights played a double header against Central on Saturday, losing both games 10-0 and 10-2.

In the first game, Central scored two runs through the first four innings before exploding for eight total runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

In the fifth, Wartburg pitcher Janelle Schneiderman gave up a leadoff walk followed by a single. Central went on to score five runs in the inning

In the second game, the Knights scored two runs but lost the game. Emily Braem led the offense with a hit and an RBI.

Earlier in the week, the Knights defeated Grinnell College in two games of a double header.

The Grinnell offense was stifled by the combined efforts of pitchers Samantha Kuntzelman and Schneiderman.

"It was nice to finally get out at home," head coach Kara Kehe said. "To come out on Wednesday and have a good crowd support us and to play really well, that was nice."

In the second game, the Knights offense continued to produce runs. Five players had extra-base hits for Wartburg. Lynn Heitkamp had two hits and drove in two runs .

The Knights will continue conference play against Simpson and Coe this week.

Kehe said they are quality teams and that the team his hoping to build on their success against Grinnell.